## REMARKS

The preliminary amendment made herein is to correct a clerical error in the original specification that unintentionally omitted a line of text from the subject paragraph. For purposes of clarity, this text has been inserted by this amendment. This amendment is fully supported by other areas of the specification and therefore, does not enter new matter. See, for instance, page 3, lines 30-33 of the specification:

> The blade holder 4 is made of metal. Its free end, i.e. its free longitudinal side, is occupied by a blade 7 made of a particularly wear-resistant material. This is a hard alloy with a diamond coating, i.e. with a covering of diamond chips. (emphasis added)

See also, claim 12, which states that "the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) has a coating of material, in particular diamonds, which is harder in comparison with the cutting material of the blade".

Finally, see the abstract, which states that the blade "is made of a cutting material and is to be connected with the knife support, in such a way that its manufacture is cost-effective and it is simple to manipulate and assures a high process dependability." (emphasis added)

In view of the above, the present amendment does not enter new matter and it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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**APPENDIX**

**(Replacement Specification Paragraph With Markings To Show Changes Made)**

Page 2, second full paragraph:

Basically the blade is made of highly wear-resistant materials, such as special metallic materials. The invention also permits and encourages the employment of other materials, in particular ceramics. In the simplest case the material can be used without a coating, but it can also have a coating, such as a diamond coating. Such materials and material combinations permit great operational dependability and a long service life, wherein the efficiency of the machines can be optimally employed.